

# Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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## Teacher Notes:

Thank you to all who have sent in items for our piñata! Our piñata is complete and looks great. The children are anxious about busting it open next week!

We will not be having a classroom party for the holidays. The kindergarten classes plan special activities and we rotate to each kindergarten room for our holiday celebration. If you would like to help with this, please let me know. It will take place next Friday at 10:00ish.

## Language Arts:

It was all about reindeers and the letter "r" this week. We made a book about reindeers. Please remember to practice pointing to the words when you are reading with your children. We continue to practice writing daily. Our focus areas for writing have been to write all of the sounds we hear for each word, putting spaces between the words, and starting on the left side of the paper. Pointing out spaces and where the words start in books when reading with your children is a great way to reinforce this practice for writing. To practice our writing skills, we reviewed our 5 senses and wrote about things that we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch at Christmas.

## Math:

There were lots of fun activities in math this week. We practiced counting backwards from 10 to 0 by making a rocket. Acting like reindeer and counting by multiples of 2 was another great activity. To reinforce this concept, we made a book that helped us practice counting by 2; ask your child to tell you how many antlers 1 reindeer has, 2 reindeer have, 3 reindeer have etc. To practice making patterns and to learn about Kwanza, we connected paper chains of green, red, and black (the colors of Kwanza). My favorite math activity this week was making the nutcrackers with various shapes. The parts of the nutcrackers were various shapes and as we made him, we discussed the shape and how we knew it were that shape. To add some writing to our math, we wrote a story about our nutcrackers; they are wonderful stories!

## Other Activities:

In center time, we painted a rainbow, worked with play dough, and colored a rainbow "R".

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### Upcoming Events:

- December 19 - regular school day
- January 4 - Welcome back!

## Special Reminders:

- Ice Cream for Kindergarten is on Mondays! Please send in 65 cents to purchase ice cream. If you do not wish for your child to have ice cream, please let us know.
- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

## Homework:

Please choose a skill to practice with your child nightly. Practice recognizing letters by sight and sound. If your child already knows all of their letters and letter sounds, then step it up a notch and spell 3-letter words together (orally or with pencil and paper).

*"You only have to  
read on the days  
you eat!"*

## Next Week:

We will continue learning about various holiday traditions from other countries and begin learning about the letter "c".

\*Please contact me with any  
questions and concerns:  
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